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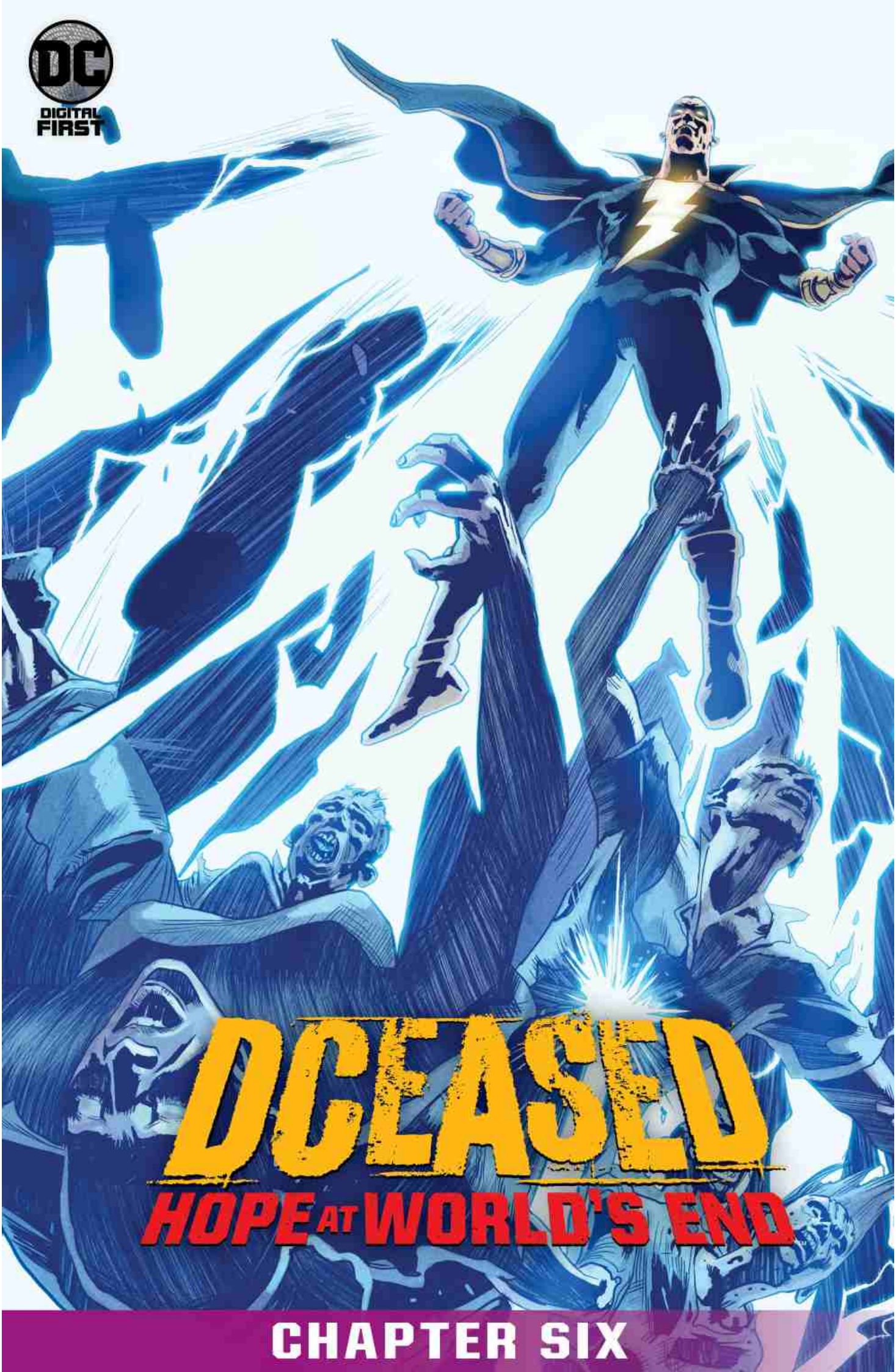
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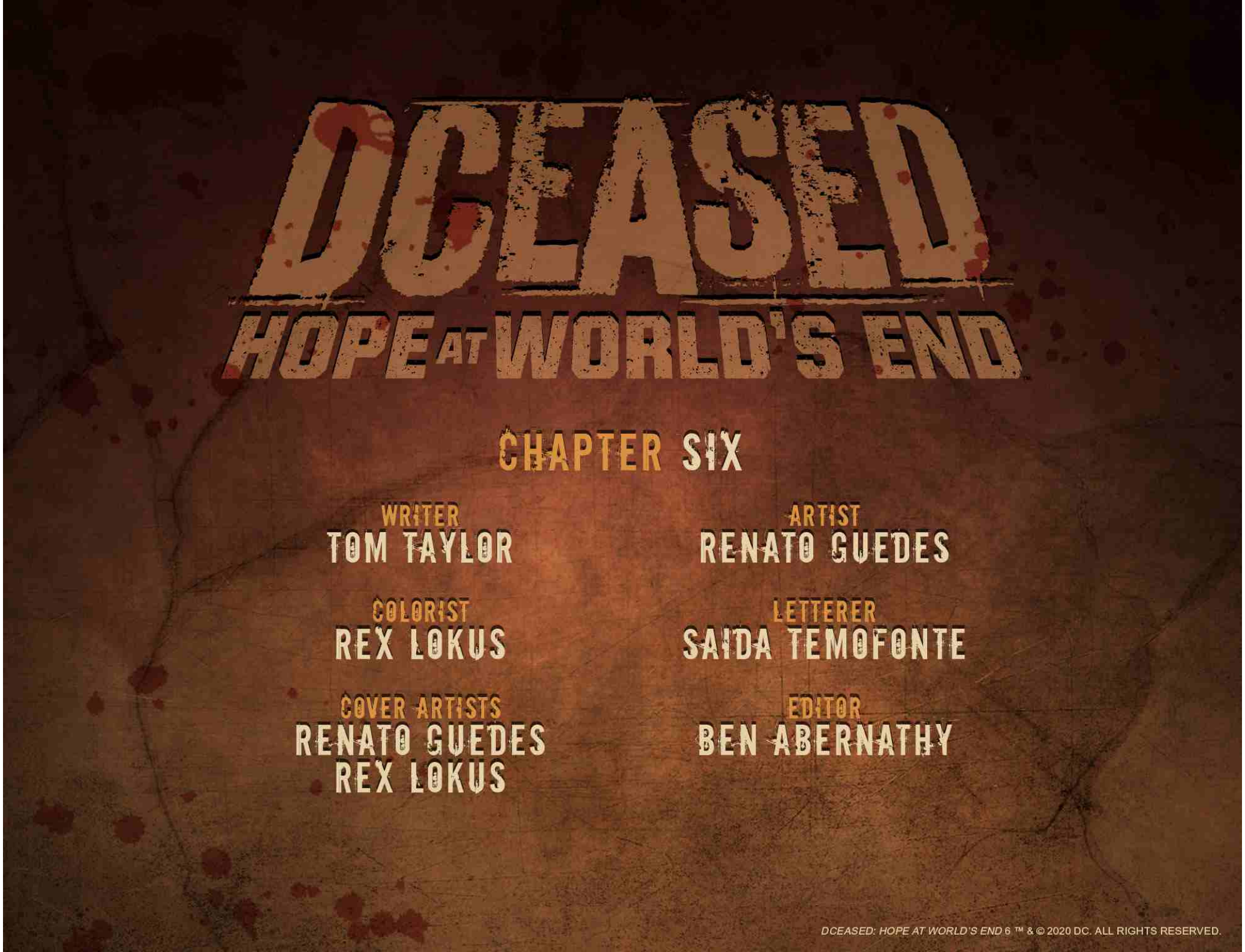

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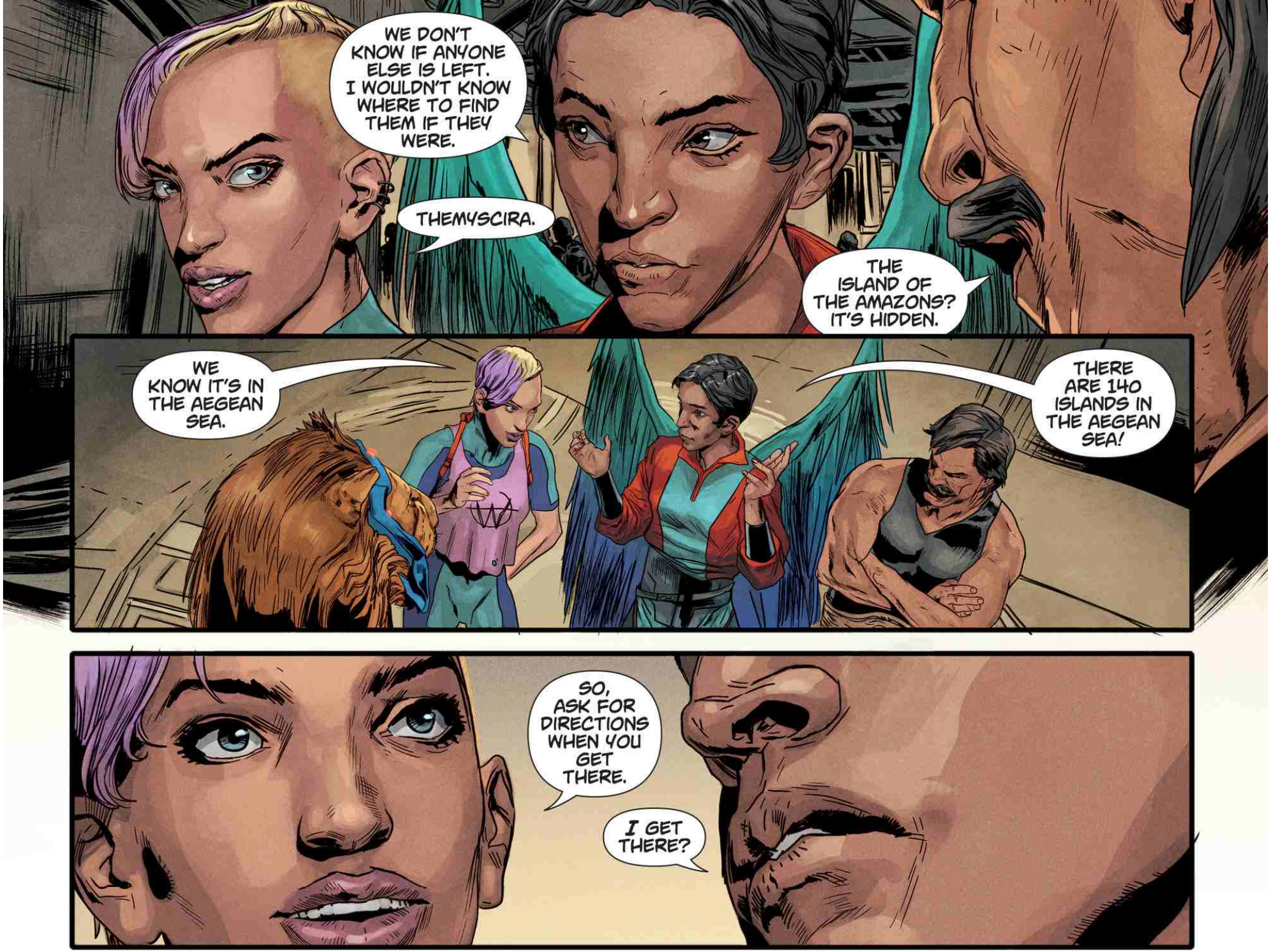
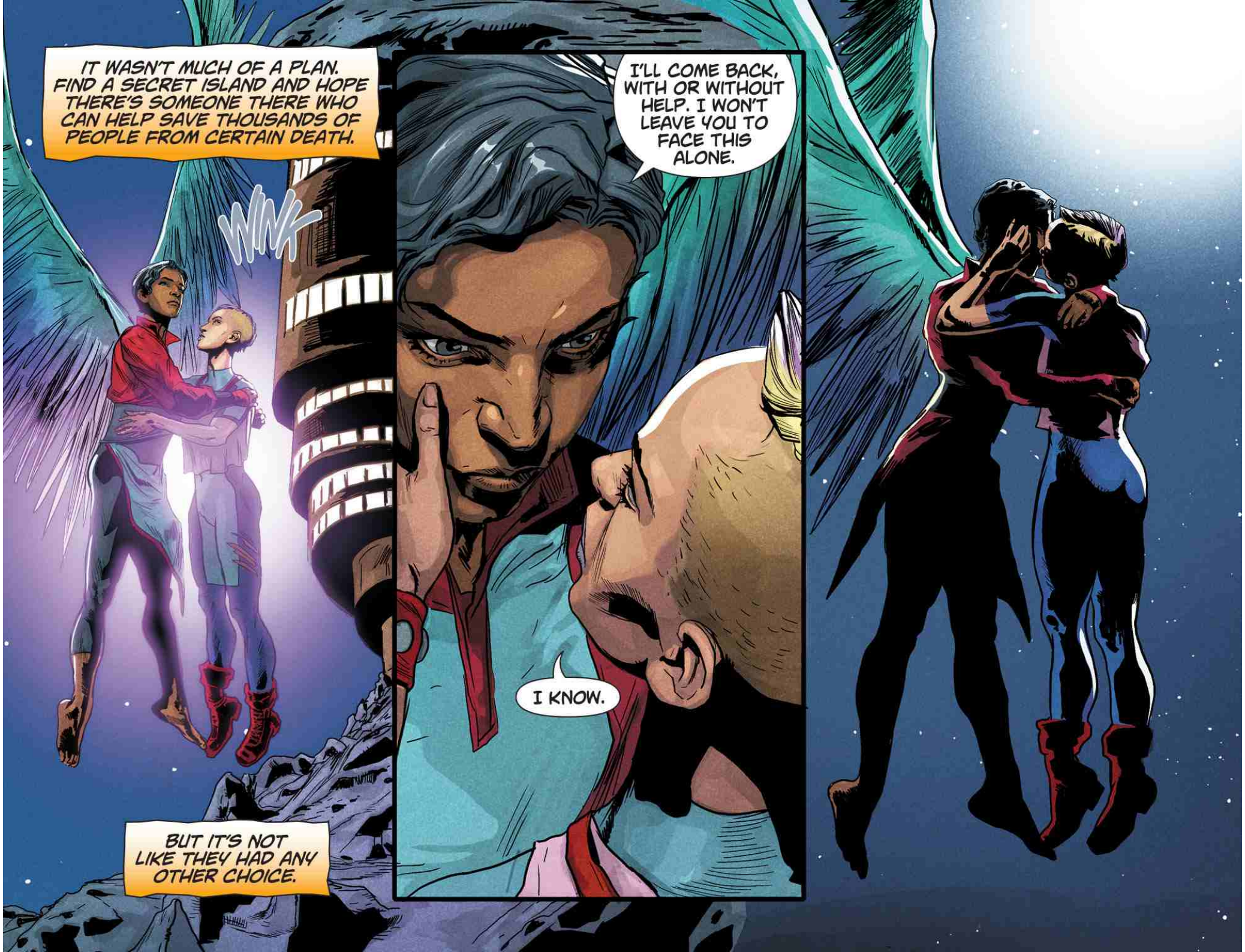
THE BATTLE FOR JOTUNHEIM STARTED AFTER MIDNIGHT.
AN ANTI-LIVING ARMY IS COMING.
THERE LOOK TO BE MILLIONS MARCHING HERE WITH BLACK ADAM AT THEIR HEAD.
RAZA, WE HAVE TO ASSUME YOUR FRIENDS NIGHTSHADE AND HYVE ARE WITH THEM, AND THEIR POWERS NOW BELONG TO THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION.
IF WE SIT HERE, WE DIE.
IF WE TRY TO LEAVE, WE DIE.
EITHER WAY, THERE'S A LOT OF DYING GOING ON.

YOU ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE ABLE TO ESCAPE THIS. YOU SHOULD GO. WE WILL UNDERSTAND.
WE'RE NOT REALLY BUILT THAT WAY, MANTICORE. BUT THANKS. YOU'RE THE MOST CARING LION-SCORPION-MAN I'VE EVER MET.
WE NEED HELP.
FROM WHO?
HEROES.


WE DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE IS LEFT. I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND THEM IF THEY WERE.
THEMYSCIRA.
THE ISLAND OF THE AMAZONS? IT'S HIDDEN.
WE KNOW IT'S IN THE AEGEAN SEA.
THERE ARE 140 ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN SEA!
SO, ASK FOR DIRECTIONS WHEN YOU GET THERE.
I GET THERE?

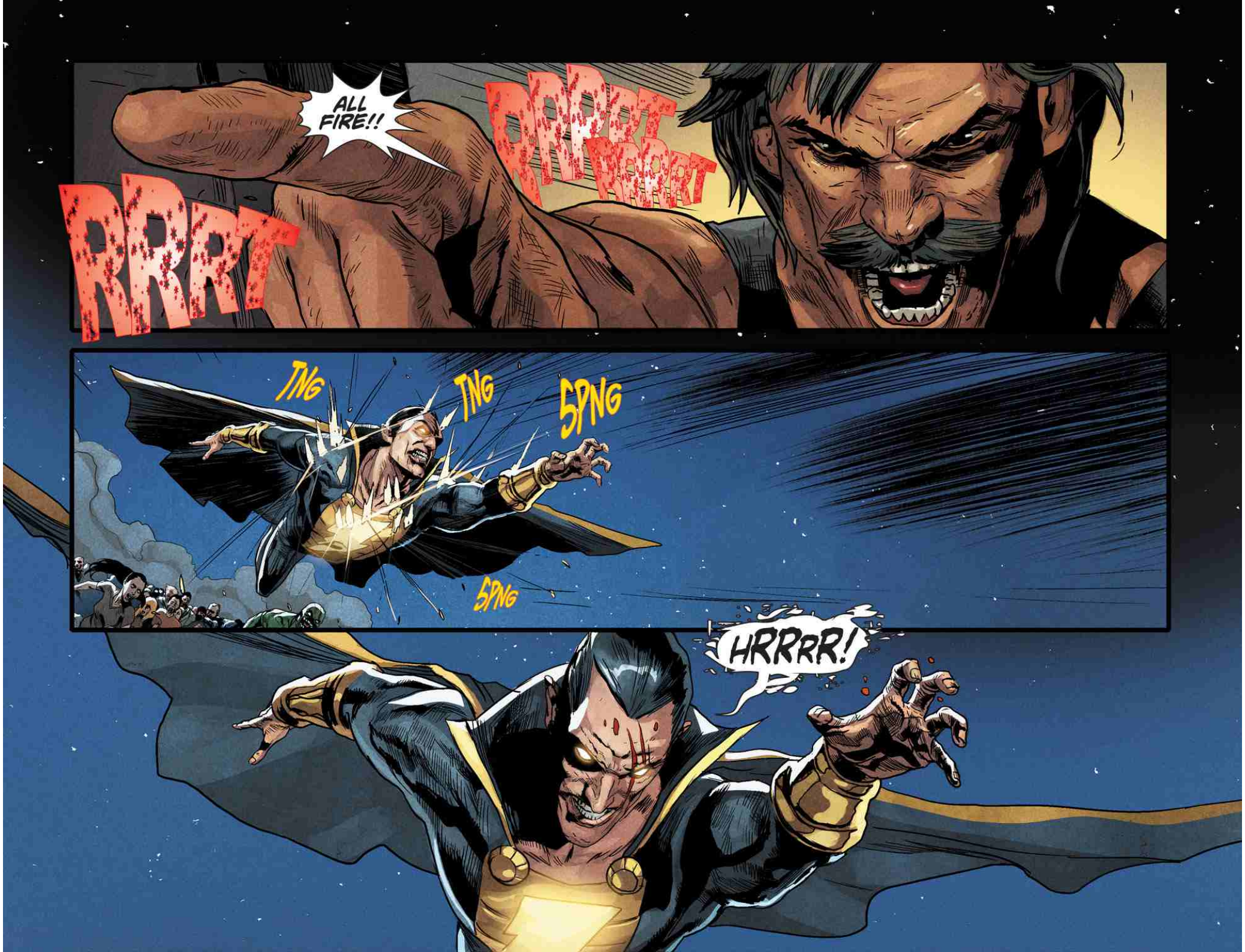
YES. I'M NOT LEAVING ALL THESE PEOPLE ALONE TO FACE AN UNDEAD ARMY.
THE AEGEAN SEA IS GIVE-OR-TAKE A THOUSAND MILES AWAY. I CAN'T POSSIBLY SURVIVE AT THE HEIGHT AND THE SPEEDS YOU CAN TRAVEL. AND I AM NOT SLOWING YOU DOWN.
WINK...
AERIE.
EVERY SECOND IT TAKES YOU TO REALIZE I'M RIGHT IS A SECOND LOST.
TAKE ME OUTSIDE.
WINK

WINK
THE AERIE'S TOP SPEED HAD NEVER BEEN CLOCKED.
BUT THEY BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER SOMEWHERE OVER LEBANON.
BOOM
BY THE TIME THEY'D REACHED THE MEDITERRANEAN, THEY WERE TRAVELING AT SUPERSONIC SPEEDS.


IT WASN'T MUCH OF A PLAN. FIND A SECRET ISLAND AND HOPE THERE'S SOMEONE THERE WHO CAN HELP SAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM CERTAIN DEATH.
WINK
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THEY HAD ANY OTHER CHOICE.
I'LL COME BACK, WITH OR WITHOUT HELP. I WON'T LEAVE YOU TO FACE THIS ALONE.
I KNOW.

THERE WAS NO WAY THEY WERE GOING TO BE FAST ENOUGH TO BEAT WHAT WAS COMING...
ANYONE UNABLE TO FIGHT, RETREAT INTO THE TOP RINGS OF THE FORTRESS!
ANYONE WHO CAN HOLD A WEAPON, AT THE WINDOWS!
THE UNDEAD ARMY CAN'T REACH US UP HERE, BUT EVEN THESE WALLS WON'T HOLD BLACK ADAM OUT FOR LONG.
I HAVE A PLAN.
I DO, TOO.

THIS SWORD CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING. I'M GOING TO CHOP HIM IN HALF.
YOUR PLAN IS GOOD, AND I LIKE ITS SIMPLICITY. BUT I CAN ALSO SEE THAT PLAN ENDING WITH AN UNDEAD ARMY HAVING A SWORD THAT CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING. LET'S TRY MY PLAN FIRST.
HE'S COMING!!
WHAT DO YOU NEED?
I NEED YOU TO HIT ADAM AS SOON AS HE'S IN SIGHT. I NEED YOU TO GIVE HIM A VERY OBVIOUS TARGET. I'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE.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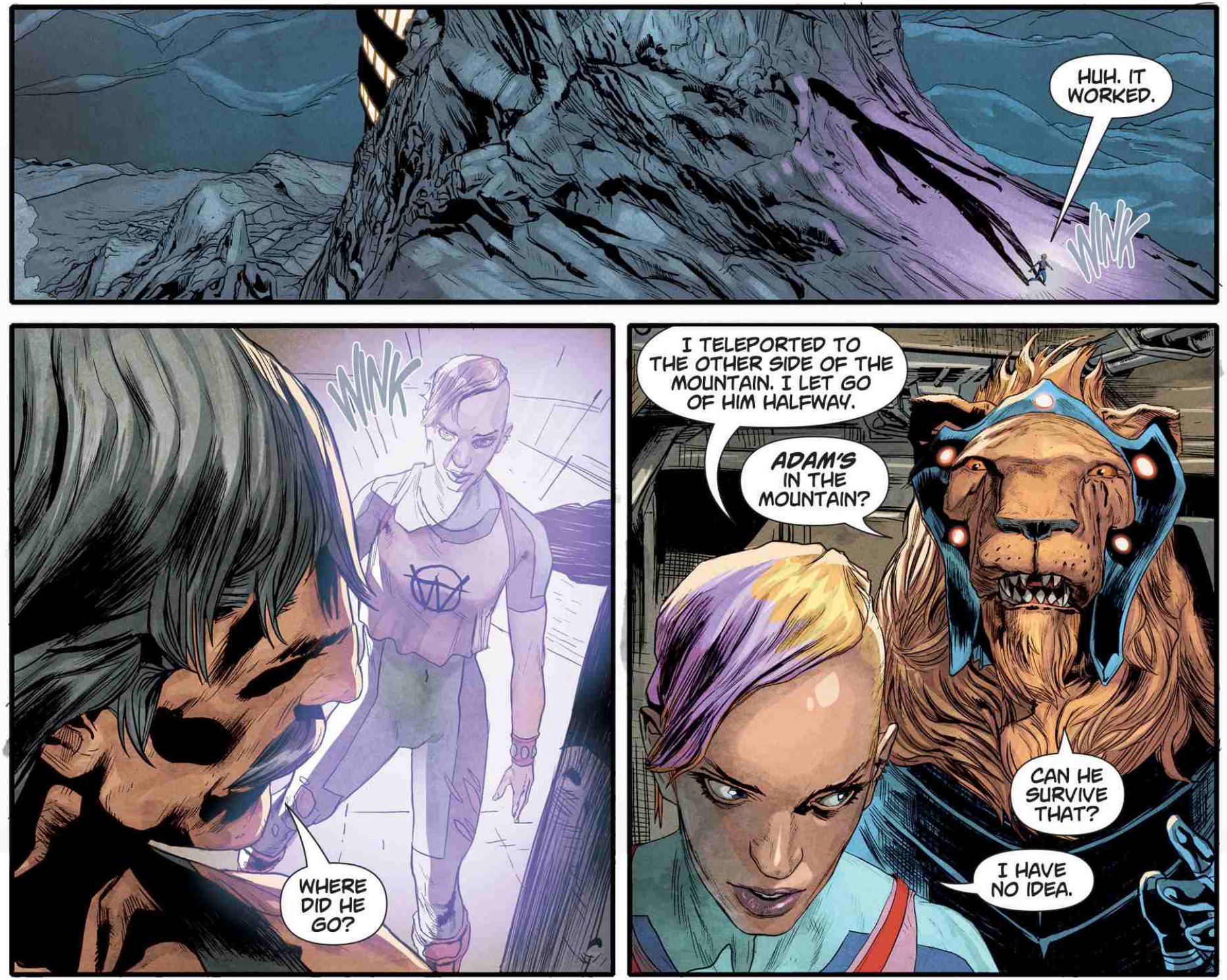
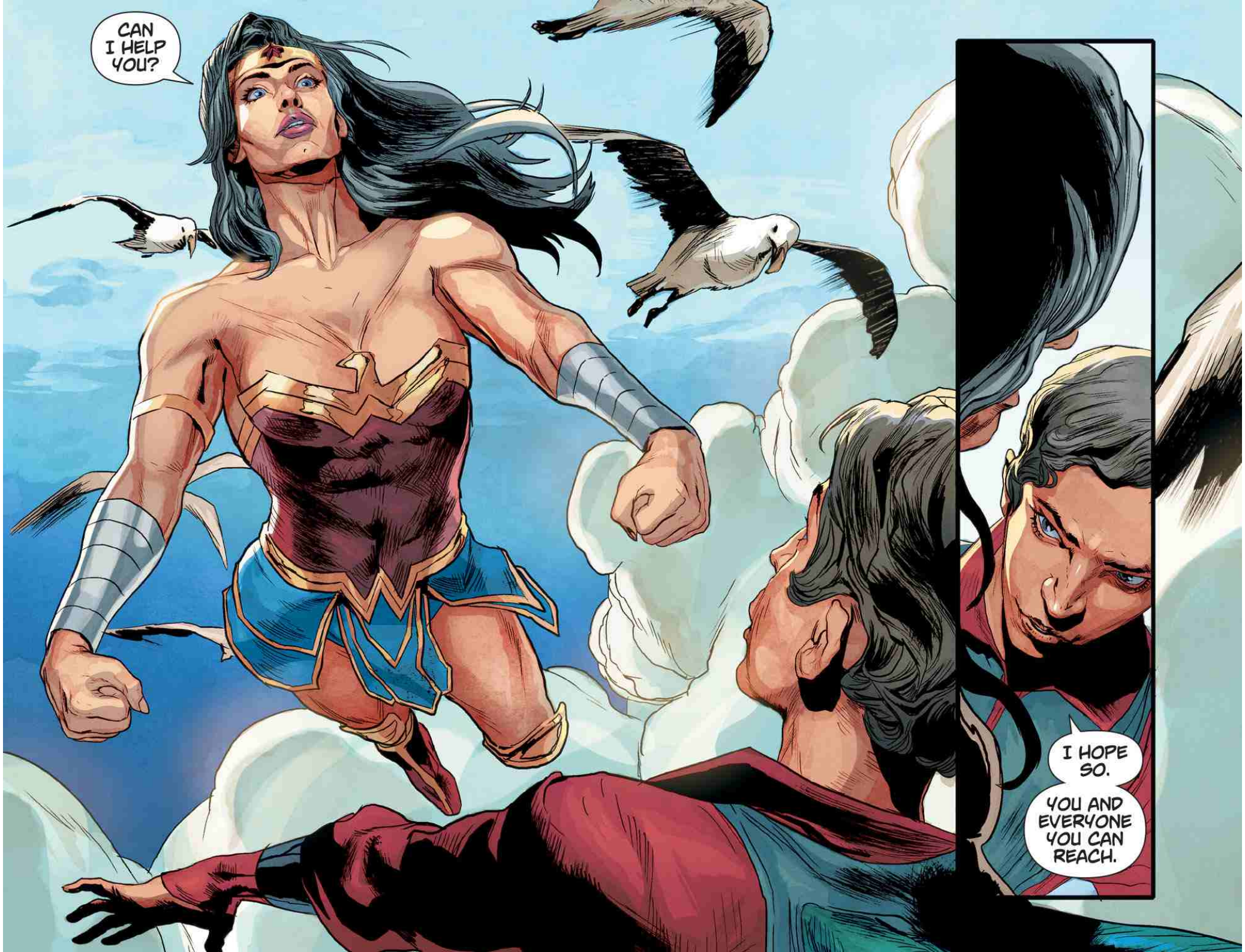
SPNG
HRRRR!

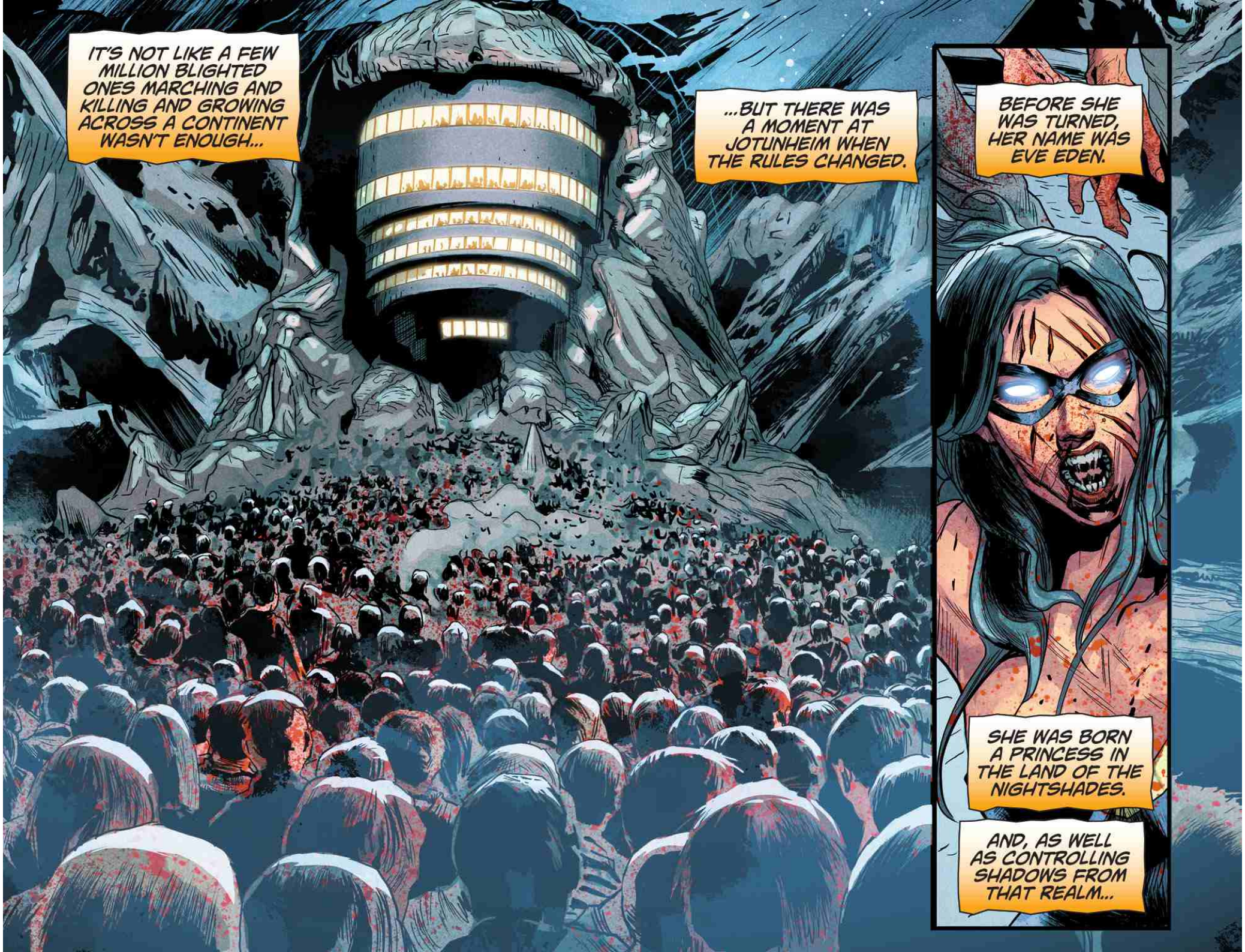
GOTCHA.
WINK
WINK


HUH. IT WORKED.
WINK
WINK
WHERE DID HE GO?
I TELEPORTED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN. I LET GO OF HIM HALFWAY.
ADAM'S IN THE MOUNTAIN?
CAN HE SURVIVE THAT?
I HAVE NO IDEA.

RUMBLE
OKAY. I HAVE SOME IDEA NOW.
RRRR

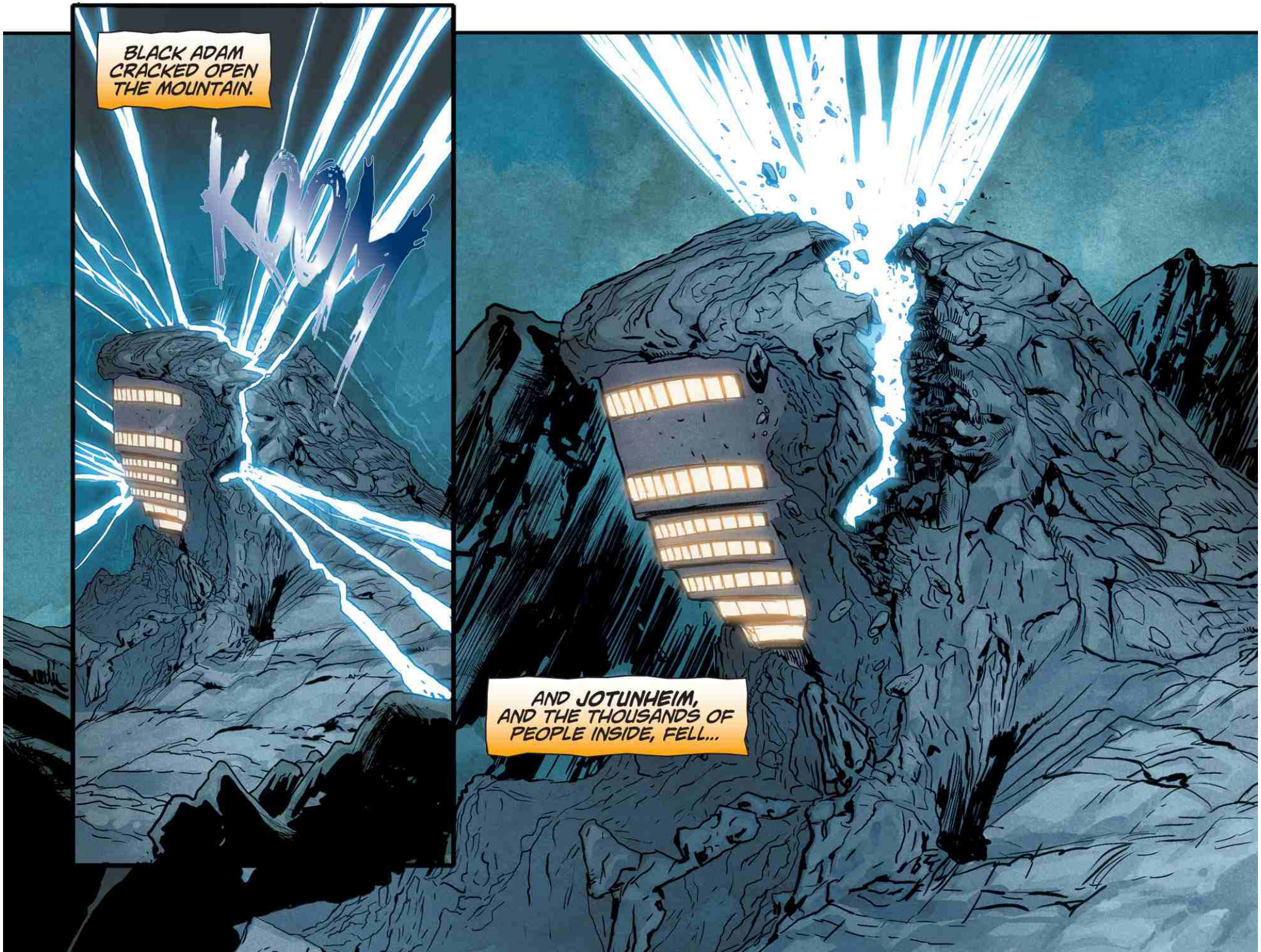
THE AEGEAN SEA.
THANK YOU.
THE AERIE WAS THE FIRST TO ADMIT BEING ABLE TO TALK TO BIRDS ISN'T ALL THAT USEFUL.
BUT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AN ISLAND THAT'S HIDDEN FROM HUMAN EYES, WELL...


CAN I HELP YOU?
I HOPE SO.
YOU AND EVERYONE YOU CAN REACH.


IT'S NOT LIKE A FEW MILLION BLIGHTED ONES MARCHING AND KILLING AND GROWING ACROSS A CONTINENT WASN'T ENOUGH...
...BUT THERE WAS A MOMENT AT JOTUNHEIM WHEN THE RULES CHANGED.
BEFORE SHE WAS TURNED, HER NAME WAS EVE EDEN.
SHE WAS BORN A PRINCESS IN THE LAND OF THE NIGHTSHADES.
AND, AS WELL AS CONTROLLING SHADOWS FROM THAT REALM...

...SHE COULD OPEN DOORWAYS...
...STEP THROUGH...

...AND EXIT ALMOST ANYWHERE. EVEN INTO AN IMPENETRABLE FORTRESS.
AGHH!!
SHRIP
RRRR


BLACK ADAM CRACKED OPEN THE MOUNTAIN.
KRAK
AND JOTUNHEIM, AND THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE INSIDE, FELL...

...ONLY TO BE CAUGHT BY A WARRIOR GODDESS.
THOK

WONDER WOMAN ANCHORED A 36,000-TON BUILDING TO A MOUNTAIN. FOR A MOMENT, SHE HELD THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS IN HER HANDS.
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THE MOMENT DIDN'T LAST LONG.
NEXT: THE BATTLE OF JOTUNHEIM!

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